



Oregon Alliance

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RE: Support HB4083

Dear Vice-Chairs Edwards, Javadi, and Members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health,

On behalf of providers serving children, youth, and families across Oregon, we appreciate the Legislature's focus on modernizing and streamlining behavioral health systems. We support the intent of this bill to reduce administrative burden, improve workforce capacity, and bring greater consistency to credentialing and oversight. These are important goals at a time when Oregon faces a severe behavioral health workforce shortage and rising demand for care.

The requirement that the Oregon Health Authority establish a uniform credentialing process and centralized portal for organizational behavioral health providers has the potential to significantly reduce duplicative paperwork and delays that currently keep providers from serving Medicaid clients efficiently. Likewise, prohibiting coordinated care organizations from imposing additional credentialing requirements will help prevent unnecessary barriers to care and promote statewide consistency.

We are also encouraged by the bill's emphasis on minimizing administrative burden and requiring regular reporting to ensure that implementation stays aligned with legislative intent.

Oregon's behavioral health system is already strained. Changes of this magnitude must be implemented with care, transparency, and collaboration with the provider community to avoid service disruptions and workforce instability.

Thank you for your leadership and for your commitment to strengthening Oregon's behavioral health system. We look forward to working with you on amendments that will help this bill achieve its full potential.

Sincerely,

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